

day evening with the F.A. Cup competition.

Wycombe from the F.A. Cup competition.

As in their two previous encounters Wycombe showed they were basically the better side. However, on this particular occasion they achieved what they failed to do in the last 180 minutes by piercing the City defensive barrier.

Wanderers were without Tony Horseman, who is suffering from groin trouble, and Julian Lailey, whose swollen ankle is still proving troublesome.

St. Albans, also, were unable to field exactly the same line-up which put Wycombe out of the cup. Hero of the cup matches, City keeper Ron Whiteaker has broken two ribs which he sustained in the first meeting at Loakes Park and later played without knowledge of the injury, while Broomfield, who got the decisive winner, was missing with ankle trouble.

It was St. Albans who very nearly drew first blood when Lawrence and Butterfield set-up an opening for Childs but Maskell leaped across magnificently to keep the shot out.

GREASY PITCH

The heavy rain during the day made the pitch greasy with the result it was difficult for players to judge their passes and a hazardous business for defenders trying to turn quickly.

Nevertheless, both teams kept the play reasonably open, a refreshing change from the cup battles, allowing the forwards more room to operate in and find the odd gaps through the middle.

Len Worley, still not happy about his pulled muscle, nearly presented St. Albans with gift openings as two casual cross-field passes were easily intercepted. Fortunately, St. Albans were unable to exploit them to full advantage thanks to the sound covering of Rundle and Faulkner.

St. Albans' defence, which proved the stumbling block in the previous games, did not look in such a commanding mood as usual and it was heartening to see Samuels and Busby outjump Burgess, Wood,

Lawrence and co. inside the box.

With Horseman absent a great responsibility fell onto Keith Samuels' shoulders in regards to the scoring department. He responded splendidly to the challenge leading the side well, driving both himself and his men forward and getting through a tremendous amount of work.

The vital goal came after 27 minutes of fairly even exchanges. From a defensive clearance Thomas picked up the ball some 30 yards from goal and feinted as though he was going to put Worley in possession.

However, he switched the pattern of the build-up cleverly by an astute lob into the box where Samuels, running forward, out-jumped Burgess and headed over the advancing Fowler.

NERVOUS FINISH

Towards the end of the second half Wanderers' defensive work became casual and nervous. First Maskell rushed out and missed a cross which Faulkner managed to clear. Then Faulkner pushed a careless pass back to Maskell which Butterfield latched onto only to shoot wide.

At the other end Busby forced Fowler to an inspired save after Faulkner had brilliantly robbed Mann and slotted a through pass down the middle.

In a tense final minute St. Albans, still hunting for the equaliser, came close to scoring when Maskell could only half stop Butterfield's shot and as the ball rolled towards the line Temel raced back to turn it round a post.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; L. Temel, C. Gale; B. Faulkner, I. Rundle, D. Thomas; L. Worley, B. Baker, V. Busby, K. Samuels, S. Thompson.

Seer Green go out to Wanderers

Seer Green 1.
Wycombe Wanderers Res. 2

Seer Green, one goal down in the first 10 minutes of their game against Wycombe Wanderers Reserves, in the first round of the Wycombe Senior Cup, fought back hard, carving several good openings in the Wycombe defence, but were unable to produce the final finish.

The second half saw the standard of football continuing hard and fast, with several incidences from both sides and for a time the referee had his hands full in an endeavour to control the game.

The overall pattern of Seer Green pressing hard and Wycombe breaking quickly and dangerously from defence to attack continued, but finally Seer Green were justly rewarded with a well taken goal by T. Gomm, some eight minutes from time. This goal really set the game alight, with Seer Green looking for revenge for their defeat by Wycombe Wanderers Res. in last year's final of the same cup competition.

However with the Green pressing strongly, Wycombe broke from defence along the right wing, the ball was centred and a rather simple, headed shot rolled slowly into the corner of the net.

TROUNCED AT AMERSHAM

Amersham Town Res. 7.
Abingdon United Res. 2

Amersham Reserves trounced their visitors from Abingdon with goals from Strain (3), Davey, Finch, Tennant, and Welham, to earn the points from their Reserve Section Hellenic League fixture.

HEATHENS TRIUMPH AWAY

Chesham North End 1.
Flackwell Heath 3

GOOD FOOTBALL was out of the question on the small bumpy ground and promising movements practically all fizzled out in this Wycombe Senior Cup first round tie.

After taking a two-goal lead through Allan Springell and Andy Przybylak in the first 20 minutes the Heathens never looked like losing the game. At the same time they never looked like adding to their score.

It was practically stalemate till the Chesham side scored a good goal out of the blue, with only a couple of minutes left, but right on time the Heathens replied when Ray Edwards was brought down while streaking through, and Andy Przybylak made it 3-1 from the resultant penalty. The Heathens welcomed the return of Tony Springell, after a long lay-off through injury.

Flackwell Heath Reserves 6.
Wooburn Ath. Reserves 2

The Heathens Reserves passed into the next round of the Chalfont Cup after a fine display, especially in the first half when they outplayed a game Wooburn team and led 5-1 at the interval.

The visitors came more into the game in a fairly even second half, and each side scored once. The young Heathens welcomed the return of their skipper Brian Lay who has been doing duty with the first team.

Scorers: Stan Spencer (3), Tony Chadbone, Brian Farley and Brett Pearce.

Sunday clamp down

WYCOMBE WANDERERS have clamped down on their players taking part in Sunday football. Officials of the club reached their decision this week following reports that their players have been pestered by club's asking them to take part in Sunday games.

Secretary Bill Hayter explained "The club could never prosper in leagues and cups while senior players are involved in Sunday competition.

"Already our players are playing twice a week and we feel that if they were to play on Sunday's it would be too much football. Also, there is the risk they could sustain injuries during Sunday games which would make them unavailable for selection".

Tomorrow B.B.C. television drama group cameras will be at Loakes Park taking crowd and action shots of the game against Kingstons.

This is to illustrate a story, being produced by the B.B.C., about a struggling professional club, who sign a first division star and eventually begin to experience a change in their fortunes.

Back on Sunday

The cameras will be rolling again on Sunday, when Wycombe's players will return to the ground accompanied by their children for behind the scenes shots. A mobile canteen will be in attendance and the children should have an enjoyable day out.

Next week will provide a hectic match programme for at least three of Wanderers' players. On Tuesday, October 8, Wycombe are scheduled to visit Sandy Lane, home of Tooting and Mitcham for an Isthmian League game.

The following day, Wednesday October 9, the Berks and Bucks F.A. meet the Army F.A. at Loakes Park. Three Wycombe players Barry Baker, Len Worley

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and Tony Horseman have been selected while Keith Samuels is substitute with Julian Lailey as twelfth man.

No doubt many Wanderers' fans will find it surprising that Julian Lailey cannot force his way into the Allied Counties team.

Wanderers' secretary Bill Hayter has received official news that Loakes Park will stage the amateur international trial between the Southern Counties and the Northern Counties on Saturday, October 26.

Tony Horseman has been chosen to lead the South and Wycombe hope to have another two players involved. If this situation does materialise then Wanderers will press to be given a free day from Isthmian League duties.

Jock in charge

It should not go without mention that Jock Sheppard, Wanderers' popular team attendant, has been invited to manage the South team. This justifiable reward is certainly deserved as Jock works hard behind the scenes at Loakes Park, often without full recognition for his services.

Club officials have been pleased with the response from the public in regards to invasions of the pitch. Since their appeals for behaviour hardly anyone has encroached on the playing area.

The Wanderers' Supporters Club, in conjunction with the parent club, have taken over page four of the club programme to keep in contact with their mem-

bers. They hope to produce a special Wanderers Supporters Club tie in the near future.

Magpies must wait

Thinking ahead, Amersham Town Football Club approached their local Parish Council recently with a view to a grant under the Physical Training and Recreation Act.

But, the club shot the gun, for before such a grant can be considered, they will have to show the Playing Fields and Open Spaces Committee plans of the proposed improvements, and estimate of their cost, and the club's balance sheet.

Previously the Council had turned down similar requests on the grounds that the Magpies were a professional club. "But now we are basically an amateur club, and so we are hoping for a more favourable reaction", explained player-manager Jimmy Strain.

Outlining the plans for improving facilities at Spratley's Meadow, Strain revealed that they included the tarmacing of an area from the gates to the dressing rooms, for use by cars and a brick building extension to the clubhouse as a storage space.

"Now we have got to go into details and submit our plans to the council again" he said.

Already Amersham are in the process of enclosing the playing area with Oak wood beams and a six by one inch rail. "We are waiting for materials at the moment but it should be finished in the next few months" added Strain.

Money for his scheme has been raised by various funds and a donation made by the club President, John Brazil. What will happen should the Town's request be turned down again? "We try elsewhere".

Said Strain: "Our main aim is to build the ground up so that it will do credit to both the club and football".

Spratley's Meadow is frequently loaned to other local sides, such as Pioneer Scouts, of the Wycombe Combination—a factor which Amersham hope will play a part in the Council's eventual decision.

Improved rider

Judged to be the most improved rider of the 1968 Motor Cycling season, Alan Barnett, of Iwer, received the first place award of £250 at the "Evening News" International "Race of the South" meeting at Brands Hatch last Sunday. Two years ago, he was placed third in the Grovewood Motor Cycle Racing Awards.

At 25, Alan is considered a National Championship contender, and belongs to that all-too-rare company for whom modesty is a natural attribute rather than a cultivated virtue. As number one in "Uncle" Tom Kirby's stable, he has gained the reputation of being unassuming and likeable as well as a rider of outstanding ability.

His rise to prominence was as conventional as could be, through club events conveyed by an AJS 7R of 1959 vintage. It is not so long ago that Alan first made the big time, but in such a short period, his fortunes have fluctuated from near calamity to the kind of success that exceeds the dreams, and even the ambitions of most.

In 1967 he came off at Castle Coombe, breaking his leg in several places to conclude an unhappy season. But, this season he has been battling at the forefront of the 350 and 500 cc championships on the Kirby Metisse machines which he proudly polishes and helps to maintain between races.